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DPW HAS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS LINED UP AS A RESULT OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Focus will be on roads and other transportation infrastructure

As a result of federal stimulus funding, San Diego County is receiving \$9.6 million in additional TransNet funding that will be used on a variety of road infrastructure projects throughout the region, County Department of Public Works (DPW) officials announced today.

Several roads will be repaired or resurfaced with Rubberized Asphaltic Concrete (RAC). Seven concrete bridges will be resurfaced. Culverts will be repaired to improve drainage. A traffic signal interconnect system will be installed on Jamacha Boulevard in Spring Valley that will help move traffic more smoothly and efficiently, saving travel time for users of Jamacha Boulevard and resulting in less air pollution.

The work will significantly extend the useful life of County roads, in many cases by as much as 15-20 years. RAC resurfacing not only adds resilience, extending the life of the pavement, it also improves traction and reduces road noise. Made of recycled tire material, RAC has huge environmental benefits as well because it helps to keep used tires out of landfills.

The repair of culverts will help control storm runoff and convey it beneath County roads, as opposed to flowing across the roadway, which will help ensure that roads are open and passable during inclement weather. The bridge sealing project will extend the useful life of the affected bridges, provide long-term cost savings for infrastructure, and improve safety for those crossing the channels and canyons in San Diego County.

"These funds will strengthen our local road and transportation infrastructure and, perhaps most importantly, immediately provide jobs for our region," said County Supervisor Dianne Jacob. "I applaud the Department of Public Works for their quick work in getting these funds out the door and onto our roadways."

Bid proposals already received for the Jamacha Blvd. Traffic Signal Interconnect are being evaluated with contract signing expected by the end of May. The remaining four projects are currently being advertised for bids with contract signing expected in June and work projected to start by July 2009.

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